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SUBJECT: KEKKONEN EXPRESSES PREFERENCE FOR NORMAL ELECTIONS

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1. PRESIDENT KEKKONEN ISSUED STATEMENT FEB 1 IN WHICH HE ASKED THAT NORMAL ELECTIONS BE HELD IN 1978. ACCORDING TO PRESS, ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWED SOUNDINGS BY DEPUTY PRIMIN KARJALAINEN (REFTEL) WHICH REVEALED AT LEAST 45 OPPONENTS TO ANY PARLIAMENTARY MOTION TO CONTINUE KEKKONEN IN OFFICE FOR 1978-84 WITHOUT NORMAL PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. THIS FIGURE MORE THAN AMPLE TO DEFEAT SUCH MOTION AND APPARENTLY CONVINCING ENOUGH TO CAUSE PRESIDENT TO BREAK HIS LONG SILENCE ON SUBJECT.

2. TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT FOLLOWS:

QTE I HAVE OBTAINED THE INFORMATION THAT THERE HAS BEEN A PLAN TO PRESENT A PARLIAMENTARY MOTION CONCERNING AN EXTENSION OF MY MANDATE FOR ONE MORE PERIOD WITHOUT ELECTIONS OF ELECTORS. I ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING ON UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCOUNT OF THIS:

QTE ACCORDING TO OUR CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS, THE PARLIAMENT, CONVENED TO ITS REGULAR SESSION, HAS THE RIGHT, WHICH IS MORE CLOSELY STIPULATED IN THE DIET STATUTES, TO PRESENT AND APPROVE A MOTION ACCORDING TO WHICH THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC CAN EXCEPTIONALLY BE ELECTED IN A DIFFERENT PROCEDURE

THAN WHAT IS PRESUPPOSED BY THE LAWS ON THE ELECTION
OF THE ELECTORS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC AND
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QTE WHEN I AGREED TO BECOME THE CANDIDATE OF SIX
DIFFERENT PARTIES FOR THE NEXT TERM OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE REPUBLIC, I PRESUPPOSED, HOWEVER, THAT THE
ELECTIONS WOULD TAKE PLACE IN THE NORMAL MANNER. I
WISH THAT THE PARLIAMENT PERMIT ME TO MAINTAIN THIS
DECISION OF MINE. UNQTE.
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